



Children & Family Justice Center PROJECT UPDATE



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Neighborhood Advisory Committee appointed

The Project Oversight Committee appointed an 11-member Neighborhood Advisory Committee in August. The Committee is comprised of people who live or work in the neighborhood surrounding the project site. The Neighborhood Advisory Committee is charged with providing focused input on site design guidelines to the Project Oversight Committee.

The first two meetings focused on understanding the project history and project timeline. Members reviewed proposed site design guidelines and provided their input. They will continue their discussion at two meetings in October. The Project Oversight Committee will consider this input as they finalize the program and performance standards for the contractor bidding process.

The Project Oversight Committee selected Advisory Committee members from a list of nominees representing 12th Avenue Stewards, Squire Park Community Council, residents, business and property owners near the site, Seattle University and at-large community members.

Candidates either nominated themselves or were nominated by other stakeholders during one-on-one interviews conducted as part of the project's public involvement process.

The Advisory Committee members represent diversity in gender, age, ethnicity, race, occupation, sexual orientation and length of time in the neighborhood.

See membership names and affiliation on page 3.

*Juvenile Detention
Director Pam
Jones welcomes
Neighborhood
Advisory Committee
members at their
first meeting.*



New bus service is in the works for the facility

In response to comments from users, neighbors and other stakeholders, Children and Family Justice Center project managers are in discussions with King County Metro Transit to incorporate bus service at the site. Under consideration is a route that connects through downtown and runs along to 12th Ave. The Children and Family Justice Center team is working closely with Metro to incorporate bus facilities into the site's design to make the introduction of public transit possible.



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PROJECT TIMELINE UPDATE

September 2013

- Neighborhood Advisory Committee convenes
- Fall newsletter issued

October-December 2013

- SEPA process

December 2013

- Three Design-Build teams shortlisted

April 2014

- Top Design-Build Team chosen
- Contract awarded
- Winning Design-Build team selected

Glossary

Juvenile justice system is different than the system for adults, and the language used nationally in the juvenile justice system reflects that:

BECCA Bill

Washington State's truancy law that requires a school district and the juvenile courts to take specific actions when youth are truant from school. Local districts adopt their own policies and, as is done in King County, coordinate with Juvenile Court. Students who are truant are rarely held in King County secure detention.

Detainees

This term is used when referring to our juvenile offender population that is being housed at our facility by a court order from the offender side of the court system.

Dorm room

Secure living unit for juvenile offenders that includes a bed, toilet and chair that opens into a large living hall with common area for dining, studying, laundry and other activities.

The Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act

A law defining juvenile delinquency as any act that is otherwise a crime, but is committed by someone under 18 years of age. States must comply with rules for court procedures and punishment in the Act. Its purpose is to help states and communities set funding and

standards in providing preventative services for youths at-risk of becoming involved in crime. King County and Washington State are seen as models for reducing incarceration of youth at low risk to reoffend.

Juvenile justice:

The area of criminal law applied to persons not old enough to be held responsible for criminal acts. The goal is rehabilitation rather than punishment. In most states this is applied to youth under 18 years old unless a court rules a minor will be charged as an adult.

Living Halls

The new detention area will include 11 living halls with a central dayroom/dining area, two large shower/toilet/dressing rooms, pantry, and laundry and staff area. Each will have its own classroom and outdoor area and can house up to 14 youth. The halls will have 12 individual sleeping dorms with bed, table, chair and screened toilet and sink and two large two-bed sleeping dorms, one of which will be ADA compliant.

Non-Offenders

Term used for youths housed at our facility on non-offender matters. These youths are housed in our facility by a court order from the civil side of the court system.

Youths

This term is used for our entire juvenile justice population ages 12 through 18.

See more glossary terms at www.kingcounty.gov/childrenandfamilyjustice

Summer festivals connect project with people



Approximately 2,000 community members attending summer events and festivals stopped by the Children and Family Justice Center Project information tent. Eighteen judges along with several department directors and other staff spoke one-on-one with event attendees. Festival goers expressed strong support for the project that will replace the Youth Services Center at 12th and Alder with a new facility designed to meet child welfare court, juvenile

Juvenile Drug Court Judge Wesley Saint Clair at Kent Cornucopia Days.

offender court and detention needs for the next 30-50 years. Attendees were especially impressed with programs that are designed to assist young people onto a positive path in life and that have helped reduce the detention rate by 63 percent since 1998.

The Children and Family Justice Center information tent visited events in Kent, Auburn, Renton, Marymoor Park near Redmond, and the West Seattle, Delridge, Square Park and Central District neighborhoods.

ROYAL is providing real results

In 1998, King County leaders concerned about racial disproportionality in the juvenile justice system decided to develop a program that would address what they saw as a troubling trend. A pilot project was funded, and ROYAL – Raising Our Youth As Leaders – came into being.

Today, ROYAL's staff of six works with about 70 high-risk youth of color each year, all of whom are involved in the criminal justice system. But instead of incarceration, the program offers case strategizing, mentorship and life-coaching, teaching these young people to take responsibility for their lives and helping them to begin realizing their dreams. According to a recent report, it costs ROYAL staff about \$12 a day per youth to work with them, compared to \$100 a day to house them in detention. More significantly, the program's success rates are staggering: The most recent analysis showed 80 percent of those involved don't reoffend.

ROYAL participants WOWED the incoming class of Washington State Judges this year. The students were asked to participate as "experts" at the Washington State Judicial College. These young people shared their experiences of being involved in the juvenile justice



Left to right: Latrice Donahue (Life Coach), Debra R. Baker (Project Director), Joe'l Harris (ROYAL Participant), Tayonna Gault (ROYAL Participant), Stevan Dozier (Case Strategist).

system (i.e., what works and what doesn't). Youth expressed the desire for more education, effective youth programs, and opportunities for employment.

ROYAL is headed by Debra Baker, a dynamic woman with a passion for youth and a deep belief in the impact the program is having on teens. "I'm so glad to be able to support these young people. We're teaching them not what to think, but how to think," she said.

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Roster

12th Avenue Stewards

Ann Schuessler

Squire Park

Community Council

Joy Jacobson

Residents and Property Owners near CFJC site

Michael Lanthier

Derek Harn

Businesses in neighborhood

Alex Brennan,
Capitol Hill Housing

Lulu Carpenter,
Washington Hall

Enana Kassa,
Zobel Restaurant

Seattle University

Lara Branigan, Director of
Facilities Project Development

At-large neighbors

Michaela Blau

Brie Gyncild

Bill Zosel

*Committee members
Lulu Carpenter,
Brie Gyncild,
Bill Zosel*



Justice Center Quiz

King County's population is over 2 million people and growing. While continuing work to improve child welfare outcomes and reduce juvenile incarceration, we are designing the new Justice Center to meet the needs of the next 30-50 years.

Did you know...

King County is 14th largest county by population and at 2,000 square miles, it is twice as large as the average county in the U.S.

Q: Which mountain pass and which island mark east-west boundaries of King County?

- A. Whidbey Island and Snoqualmie Pass
- B. Bainbridge Island and Stevens Pass
- C. Vashon Island and Snoqualmie Pass

Answer: C



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